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## Publisher's Note

No doubt, alien philosophies and ideologies pose a threat to Islam. But who can deny the internal deviations and dissensions which have played a greater role in tampering with the purity of Islamic beliefs and simplicity of its practices?

At the core of Islam is Tawhid (Oneness of Allâh) from which emanate both the creed and deeds of Muslims. Thus the credal deviations and heresies as well as the innovated practices affect the purity of Tawhid. Notwithstanding almost all great men of learning and reformers have understood and declared this fact, Sheikhu Islam Ibn Taimya was incomparably vocal and his voice was dauntlessly express. All of his works and *Fatawa* (legal rulings) testify to it.

Our present society — teeming with polytheistic and innovated practices such as invoking the dead, festivals at shrines, seeking help of soothsayers and exorcists, celebration of the birth or death anniversaries of Prophets and saints, unlawful vow and offering, unlawful journeys to mosques and shrines, unlawful sanctification of persons, places and times, belief in omens and countless other superstitions and so on — stands in need of Sheikhu Islam's works that have educated and guided both the commoners and scholars for the last several centuries.

*The Right Way* is a summarized translation of Ibn Taimya's great work, *Iqtida-us-Siratil Mustaqueem*. I hope and pray that the living topics discussed herein in a highly erudite but lucid style, which has been more or less transferred into English, would enlighten the readers and guide the seekers of truth.

A brief account of the life of Sheikhu Islam is also produced on the forthcoming pages.

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